

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 51-57, 59-64, and 79-82. The following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application:

1-28. Cancelled

29. (Previously Presented) A system for acquiring digital content, comprising:
a processor configured to process instructions and to access a memory;
a digital-content-accessing component that is configured to:
download one or more components of the digital content;
authenticate the one or more components of the digital content; and
store the one or more downloaded and authenticated components in an unusable form in the memory, wherein the digital-content-accessing component is further configured to be invoked by a selection interface provided by a digital content supplier; and
a license component that is incorporated within a component of the digital content and that is configured to:
communicate with a remote licensing broker to request a license certificate to the digital content.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the selection interface is configured to:
be instantiated on the client computer to:
provide a description of the digital content; and to
enable acquisition of the digital content from a remote digital-content vendor.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the selection interface includes at least one of:

- an executable file configured to display a graphical user interface;
- data received by the client computer to enable display of the graphical user interface;

- a web page displayed on the client computer by a browser application; and

- a text file stored on the client computer that includes links or references to the digital content to enable access of the digital content by at least one or more of: an Internet browser, email, mail, telephone, fax, and a file transfer protocol application.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the digital-content-accessing component is an executable file configured to download the components of the digital content from remote computer systems.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the digital-content-accessing component is transferred from a remote computer to the client computer through a communications medium.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the digital-content-accessing component is generated locally on the client computer from a component list.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the digital-content-accessing component is further configured to:

- authenticate a received digital-content component by generating a message digest from the received digital-content component and comparing the generated message digest with a stored message digest.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein at least one received digital-content component is encrypted.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the license component is further configured to:

request an electronic license certificate from the remote licensing broker.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the license component is further configured to:

receive an electronic license certificate from the licensing broker and to decrypt encrypted received digital-content components.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the license component is further configured to:

execute a purchase transaction including a purchase of a license for the digital content.

40. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein components of the digital content includes one or more of:

an encrypted executable file;
an encrypted data file;
a user interface library;
a purchasing request library;
a security information file; and
an electronic license certificate.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the digital content includes one or more of:

digitally encoded executable code;

- digitally encoded source code;
- a digitally encoded video program;
- a digitally encoded audio program;
- digitally encoded music;
- a digitally encoded game;
- a digitally encoded multi-media program;
- a digitally encoded movie; and
- a digitally encoded text document.

42. (Previously Presented) A system for supplying digital content by a digital-content supplier, comprising:

one or more server computer systems configured to provide, to a requesting digital-content-accessing component running on a requesting client computer, components of the digital content including at least one incorporated license component,

wherein the incorporated license component is configured to provide license information to a remote licensing broker to enable licensing of the digital content.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the incorporated license component is further configured to provide the license information as a request for an electronic licensing certificate that enables the licensing of the digital content.

44. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the incorporated license component is further configured to provide the license information, including a purchase option, a indication of a method of payment, or both, to the remote licensing broker.

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the digital-content-accessing component is an executable file configured to download the components of the digital content from the digital-content supplier.

46. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the digital-content-accessing component is transferred by the system to the requesting client computer.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the digital-content-accessing component is generated locally on the requesting client computer from a component list supplied by the digital-content supplier.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein at least one received digital-content component is encrypted.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein components of the digital content includes one or more of:

- an encrypted executable file;
- an encrypted data file;
- a user interface library;
- a purchasing request library;
- a security information file; and
- an electronic license certificate.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the digital content includes one or more of:

- digitally encoded executable code;
- digitally encoded source code;
- a digitally encoded video program;

- a digitally encoded audio program;
- digitally encoded music;
- a digitally encoded game;
- a digitally encoded multi-media program;
- a digitally encoded movie; and
- a digitally encoded text document.

51-57. (Cancelled)

58. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the license component is further configured to:

- receive the requested license certificate; and
- generate a useable form of the digital content from the one or more components of the digital content according to the received license certificate.

59-64. (Cancelled)

65. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium with an executable program stored thereon, wherein the program instructs a client computer to perform steps enabling licensing of digital content, comprising:

- storing at least a portion of the digital content in an unusable form on the client computer;
- communicating with a licensing broker to obtain a licensing certificate to at least the portion of the digital content; and
- in response to the obtained licensing certificate, generating a useable form of at least the portion of the digital content from the stored unusable form.

66. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 65, wherein the steps further comprise:

receiving the digital content on the client computer.

67. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 65, wherein the steps further comprise:

presenting a selection interface on the client computer which provides a description of the digital content to enable acquisition of the digital content, that is stored on the client computer, from a digital-content vendor.

68. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 67, wherein the steps further comprise:

generating a digital-content-accessing component on the client computer from the digital content, and wherein the digital-content-accessing component is an executable file configured to:

access and receive additional digital content from a remote computer system.

69. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 68, wherein the steps further comprise:

generating a message digest from the generated digital-content-accessing component; and

comparing the generated message digest with a stored message digest to enable verification of the digital content.

70. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 65, wherein the licensing broker is a remote licensing broker.

71. (Previously Presented) A method for acquiring digital content by a client computer, comprising:

storing at least a portion of the digital content in an unusable form on the client computer;

communicating with a licensing broker to retrieve a license to at least the stored portion of the digital content; and

in response to the retrieved license, generating a useable form of at least the portion the digital content on the client computer from the stored unusable form of the received digital content.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 71, further comprising:

presenting a selection interface on the client computer to provide a description of the digital content and to enable acquisition of the digital content from a digital-content vendor.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 71, further comprising:

generating a digital-content-accessing component on the client computer from the digital content, wherein the digital-content-accessing component is an executable file configured to access and receive additional digital content from a remote computer system.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 73, further comprising:

generating a message digest from the generated digital-content-accessing component; and

comparing the generated message digest with a stored message digest to enable verification of the digital content.

75. (Previously Presented) A system for acquiring secured digital content, comprising:

- a processor interfaced to a memory; and

- a digital content acquisition component configured to:

 - download the secured digital content from a digital-content vendor;

 - store, in the memory, at least a portion of the downloaded secured digital content in an unusable form;

 - transmit a request to a licensing broker for a license certificate to the stored portion of the secured digital content;

 - receive the license certificate in response to the transmitted request; and

 - in response to the received license certificate, access the stored portion of the secured digital content in accordance with license parameters of the received license certificate.

76. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 75, wherein the digital content acquisition component is further configured to:

- present a selection interface on the system which provides a description of the digital content to enable acquisition of the digital content from the digital-content vendor.

77. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 75, wherein the digital content acquisition component is generated on the system from received digital content, and is further configured to:

- download additional digital content from a remote computer system.

78. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 75, wherein the digital content vendor is a remote digital content vendor.

79-82. (Cancelled)